

Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology
Board Meeting Teleconference
September 26, 2008

Members John Youngberg, Chairman

Attending: Marty Connell
 Jim Davison
 Mike Dolson
 Todd Graetz
 Paul Tuss

Others Dave Desch, Executive Director

Attending: Jane Todd, Administrative Specialist

I. Call to Order

Chairman Youngberg called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from 6/27/08 Board Meeting

Chairman Youngberg asked for discussion of the minutes of the June 27, 2008, Board meeting. There being no discussion, Jim Davison moved to approve the minutes as presented. Marty Connell seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

III. Executive Director's Report – Project Contracts

Dave Desch reported that of the 20 projects approved by the Board in June, 13 agreements have been executed. The remaining seven are in various stages of execution and no problems are anticipated.

Mr. Desch discussed the status of the 2010 economic development programs, of which MBRCT is one. The programs are due to sunset in FY2010 and, unless the statute is amended, their funding will end after the next FY2009 appropriation. He asked Jim Davison, President of Montana Economic Development Association, to provide an update of the Governor's position from the MEDA meeting in Billings in September. Mr. Davison stated the Governor said he supported extending the programs and requesting an increase to the funding. What that increase might be is undetermined at this time. Mr. Roy Brown, Republican gubernatorial candidate, also expressed his support of eliminating, or extending, the sunset. Although he made no commitments for additional funding, he made mention of the MBRCT program in his remarks to MEDA.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting

A phone Board meeting will be held on November 5th at 10:00. Mr. Desch will provide the Board with a revised brochure at that time.

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VI. Adjourn

Todd Graetz moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Dolson seconded the motion and Chairman Youngberg adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Youngberg, Chairman